



Proclamation

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis is a serious disease that creates scarring in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients, leading to irreparable lung damage; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often impacting quality of life and resulting in disability and/or death within a few short years; and

WHEREAS, long-term exposure to toxins and pollutants can cause pulmonary fibrosis; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis with no identifiable cause is referred to as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), and about 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by IPF; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of pulmonary fibrosis may include shortness of breath, dry cough, fatigue, unexplained weight loss, aching muscles and joints, and clubbed fingertips or toes; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, established in 2000, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that maintains a global mission to serve as a trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community by raising awareness, providing disease education, and funding research;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

“PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and urge everyone to become informed and involved in the fight to eradicate this serious disease.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of August 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i